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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application entitled "Method and System for Managing Fragmented Information Packets in a Computer Network," Serial No. 10,289,308 (Attorney Docket No. 10014761), to U.S. Patent Application entitled "Method and System for Managing Connections in a Computer Network," Serial No. 10/289,288 (Attorney Docket No. 10014762), to U.S. Patent Application entitled "Method and System for Communicating Information Between A Switch and a Plurality of Servers in a Computer Network", Serial No. 10/289,282 (Attorney Docket No. 10014763), to U.S. Patent Application entitled "Method and System for Reestablishing Connection Information on a Switch Connected to a Plurality of Servers in a Computer Network," Serial No. 10/289,311 (Attorney Docket No. 10014764), to U.S. Patent Application entitled "Method and System for Managing Communication in a Computer Network Using Aliases of Computer Network Addresses," Serial No. 10/289,379 (Attorney Docket No. 10014765), and to U.S. Patent Application entitled "Method and System for Predicting Connections in a Computer Network," Serial No. 10/289,259 (Attorney Docket No. 10015521), each of which was filed on November 7, 2002 and each of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

☐ **In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (February 2000, page 600-107), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.**

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It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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